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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met in regular session on July 6, 2015 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Mueller, CMT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Melissa Mueller, CMT, Chairperson
Charlie Franklin, LMT
Donald Bowman, MT
Tiffany Gennety, LMT
Beth Miazga, LMT
Jill Murphy, Public Member
Teresa Rivard, Public Member
J.T. Stout, MT

Members Absent: Terese Hunter, Vice-Chairperson, Public Member
Katie Kiter, Public Member
Nicole Lennox, LMT

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Secretary, Board and Special Programs Section
Cheryl Pezon, Manager, Board and Special Programs Section
Michael Siracuse, Analyst, Board and Special Programs Section

Cheryl Pezon introduced herself as the new Board and Special Programs Manager and explained the purpose of the new Bureau of Professional Licensing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Gennety, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting with the following correction: J.T. Stout, MT to replace J.T. Stout, Public Member.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Murphy, seconded by Stout, to approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FSMTB Delegate Appointment

Mueller informed members that Miazga would attend (FSMTB) annual meeting. Miazga agreed. Mueller noted that Miazga will attend the (FSMTB) Federation of State Massage Therapy Board annual meeting scheduled for October 8-13, 2015.

Health Professional Recovery Committee Report

Siracuse provided an overview of the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) Annual Report and explained the functions of the program.

Department Update

Siracuse informed that Norene Lind, Board Manager, has retired from the Department.

Siracuse informed that the Administrative Rules were reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Reinvention. The rules will be returned to the Rules Committee for further review as one rule needs clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine McKay, representing Oakland Community College, reiterated her misgivings about applicants who drop out of massage training programs and obtain licensure by simply taking the MBLEx. She recommended the Board consider honoring CE provided by schools that have the North Central Accreditation. She also suggested that only "official transcripts" from training programs should be enforced.

Mike Ryan, MSTM, had concerns that massage schools without accreditation need to be corrected. He also spoke on the difficulties he had reporting an unlicensed massage therapist complaint.

Mike Krombeen, representing Midwest Strategy Group, stated that massage CE should be provided by schools that have the North Central Association Commission accreditation. Additionally, transparency should exist during discussion of what particular massage therapy administrative rule is being reviewed by the Rules Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 5, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gennety, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.



Melissa Mueller, Chairperson

Vice Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved

Prepared by:
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

July 6, 2015